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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJS", is written over the printed name of Marvin J. Southard.

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE FOR THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-12, 2012-13, AND 2013-14**

This memorandum is to comply with Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts. The Policy mandates that any department requesting a percentage increase in delegated authority exceeding ten percent of the total contract amount must provide a detailed justification and advance written notice to your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board Meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority for the Affiliation Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles, for Fiscal Years 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14. With the ongoing addition and expansion of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plans and related programs/services, there has been a continual need for concomitant teaching, training, and implementation research that ensures mental health providers, students, and clients are well informed in state-of-the-art approaches that promote workforce education and training, innovations, prevention, early intervention, wellness, and recovery. Over the years, the Affiliation Agreement has been utilized as one of DMH's primary resources for academic and medical teaching services, with services being added as required to match the ever changing needs related to specific MHSA and other funding streams' plans and programs. This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend the Agreement for new programs/services, implement such program/services in a more timely and expeditious manner, and more effectively meet the County's mission "to enrich lives through effective and caring services."

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Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the Affiliation Agreement accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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